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Memorandum for: Director of Security

Subject:

Inquiry from Library of Congress

The attached letter from the Library of Congress is self-explanatory. However, I have since received a telephone call from Mr. Gondos of National Archives stating that in order to release this information it will be necessary for National Archives to have a letter from our Security Officer to Dr. Robert H. Bahmer, Security Officer of National Archives, authorizing the down-grading and release of the documents in question. Furthermore, your letter should specifically indicate that the material which it is desired to down-grade are broadcasts relating to the Katyn Forest Massacre which appeared in the bulletins prepared by the Foreign Broadcast Analysis Section of the FCC on April 23, 30 and May 7, 14 and 20, 1943. These are presumably the forerunners of the FBIS dailies.

In view of the Congressional interest, it is requested that this matter be handled expeditiously.

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